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**Picture Day &
Dress Up Day**
Oct. 22

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Principal's Message

The school year is off to a wonderful beginning. Thank you to everyone who attended Back to School Night and the [Book Fair](#). Both events were extremely successful. We appreciate the collaborative effort that made these events so special. It is evident that the foundation for another great year is in place.

In the classrooms, the children have acclimated quickly to their new routines and teachers. Utilizing the new edition of [Everyday Math](#), the new Nordstrom social studies materials in first and second grades, [Social Studies Alive](#) in third and fourth grades, and [History Alive](#) in fifth grade, students are enjoying fantastic curricular experiences. Great news: Allen School now has wireless access to the Internet. In addition, forty laptops were purchased to be utilized as classroom computers and the older PC's are being converted to thin clients for use in the classrooms. We are awaiting the arrival of the generous gift from the [Medford Education Association](#) that has been ordered. It is thirty additional laptop computers that will be utilized as a mobile lab. Home and School donations are earmarked for flat screen monitors, keyboards, and LCD projectors that will compliment the new technology. On behalf of our entire Allen School family, I would like to thank both organizations for their generosity. We recognize and truly appreciate the efforts being made on behalf of our children.

As suggested by the Allen School Parent Advisory Committee, our annual [Halloween Parade will take place on Friday, October 26th](#) at 2:00 p.m. As you begin to plan for this event, please avoid costumes that portray violence and weapons of any kind. We hope to emphasize positive values and not scare small children. For the purpose of clarification, uniforms worn by the U.S. Military, police, and fire fighting personnel are honored and most acceptable. More information about our celebration will follow at a later date. If your child does not celebrate Halloween, we will make arrangements for him/her to work in the Media Center, if you prefer. Please call the Office for special accommodations.

Be sure to check the [Allen School Website](#) for exciting information about the many activities being planned for this year. It promises to be one of the best yet!

I hope to see you at the [Skating Party Thursday night \(October 25th\)](#) at 6:30 p.m. This event is planned for Allen School children, their parents,



A is for Attendance

Attendance is a critical factor in any child's school success. Children should attend school every day, except in cases of illness or emergency. It is impossible to replace the learning that happens on any school day with make-up work. Regular attendance and promptness are good habits that are expected and appreciated at all levels of schooling and in the workplace. This year, make school a priority in your household. Commit to excellence in attendance. Your child's future depends on it!

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and younger siblings. Children must be accompanied by an adult. More information will follow. I hope to see you then.

October promises to be another great month. Enjoy the beauty of the fall season and stay tuned for more Allen School happenings.

Christine G. Pukenas
Principal

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October Events

This year is packed full of great happenings at Allen! Here a just a few of the exciting events happening in October:

- **Oct.4th: First Grade Curriculum Night**
- **Oct. 8th: No School: Staff Development Day**
- **Oct. 8-12th: Fire Prevention Week**
- **Oct. 19th: Backwards/Clash Day**
- **Oct. 22nd: Picture Day**
- **Oct. 26th: Halloween Parade and Celebration**

[For more information and a complete list of ALL the 2007-2008 school year's events check out the online Allen School Calendar!](#)

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All in a Gator's Day

Here are just some of the things going on in your child's classroom!

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Coming Soon!

Teacher Webpages using [Think.com](#)

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What's New on Allen's Website?

The Allen School website changes often! Make sure you check it daily!

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- **[Allen Alligator Day Pictures!](#)**
- **[Second Grade: Johnny Appleseed Pictures!](#)**
- **[October's Lunch Menu has been posted!](#)**
- **[Nurse's Page: Fire Safety Tips and Fire Smart fun site!](#)**
[October's Nutritional Nugget Newsletter!](#)
- **[Guidance Page: KC3 is back! School Bus Safety Site and Safety procedures for arrival to and dismissal from school.](#)**

- **[Media Center: Scholastic Book Fair Pictures](#), sites for book reviews, publishing stories, and writing to authors**

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Learning Links for Kids

Here are some great sites for kids that are fun and educational!

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- **[Hot Shot Business from Disney](#) (Grades 4-5) *This is your chance to open your own virtual business. Choose to open a pet spa, a candy store, a landscaping company, comic shop, or skateboarding factory! Create supply and meet demand. Do research and development, adjust prices, and run ads. Be your own boss!***
- **[Scholastic's I Spy](#) (Grades K-5) *Fans of the I Spy books will love this site! Listen to the riddles and click on the hidden objects. In the "Make" section create your own I spy game, or write a riddle online. There is so much to do at this really fun site!***
- **[Where Is That?](#) (Grade 3-5) *This Funbrain site will test your knowledge of geography. Choose from 5 different levels and several maps and test your brain!***
- **[Fun Interactive Math Halloween Games](#) (All Grades) *These Halloween Math games will have the kids squealing with fun! There are many to choose and all different levels to play. Kindergarten through Second Grade will love the Spooky Sequences number pattern games, while students in grades 3-5 will love the Ghost Blasters! Check them out!***

[For more fun links and resources click here!](#)

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